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## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

### BLUNDERS ABOUT SHIPS

The sale of five vessels to the Dollar Steamship Company by the United States Shipping Board has added another act to the serio-comic drama of Government ownership, control and management of merchant ships. The opposition to Government ownership has become so almost unanimous in this country that the Shipping Board was unable to rise above the fog of disapproval to behold the fact that they had achieved the exception to the rule that "government ownership does not pay," and that these particular ships were actually being operated at a profit.

When the United States was preparing for war every ship yard, and a lot of lumberyards, were pressed into service to build ships. There were steel ships, wooden ships, and even cement ships. Most of the last two classes were obsolete before they were finished. Many of them represented pure incompetency and waste. Rather than sell many foolish ships—for that is about all they ever were—the Government has permitted them to rot and rust away.

The proposal for a ship subsidy law that would enable the Government to maintain the big gains it had obtained with a merchant marine, failed in Congress. The Shipping Board has been a footfall for the Administration ever since it was created. When the Board was surprising itself with results beyond all expectation in the operation of merchant ships, its powers were split by turning over the operating end of the ships to the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The Board, itself, was packed with politicians and between these politicians and the Emergency Fleet administrators, the remnant of practical men on the Shipping Board and in the Government service with vision and understanding to work out the muddle of our merchant marine were powerless.

Chairman O'Connor is explaining the Dollar ship sale. But the more he says the plainer it is that the Jones Act has been defeated in its intent by a majority of the very Shipping Board charged with the duty of administering it.

### MERCHANT MARINE ACT

Such "national policy" as exists has been set forth in the Merchant Marine Act, which the Shipping Board administers. This act contemplates the sale of government-owned ships, but it lays down certain policies as follows:

"It is necessary for the national defense and for the proper growth of its foreign and domestic commerce that the United States shall have a merchant marine of the best equipped and most suitable types of vessels sufficient to carry the greater portion of its commerce and serve as a naval or military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency, ultimately to be owned and operated privately by citizens of the United States . . . the United States Shipping Board shall, in disposition of vessels and shipping property as hereinafter provided, in the making of rules and regulations, and in the administration of the shipping laws always keep in view this purpose and object as its primary end to be obtained."

In spite of the above the Shipping Board by a vote of 4 to 3, sold 5 of the best government-owned vessels that cost about \$7,000,000 each, and are estimated to be worth from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 each, for the sum of \$1,25,000 each. Although the price may be a subject for expert knowledge and determination, a bigger question than the money-value of the ships is involved. The sale of the five ships carry with them a guarantee for only five years' operation, without any provision for replacement. Chairman O'Connor seems to want people to believe that if the purchasers "keep them going for five years there is no reasonable question that they will keep them going indefinitely." It is a wholly unwarranted assumption. Uncle Sam, in his hours of meditation, will recall the lines: "Ships that pass in the night do I speak with them in passing?"

### THE SOVIET

News from the White House reaffirms that "the President is firm against the Russian Soviet." And in the same editorials that carry this dispatch is the comment that Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is the leading advocate in this country of the recognition proposal. Just how the President and the Senate are going to "get together" as a Republican government under such circumstances is one of the byproduct mysteries of the National Budget.

### COMPETING BUSINESS

Officials of the National administration have been producing facts and figures to prove that fluctuating prices in stocks and bonds, and the rate up of bullion and bonds, have very little to do

### BETHEL MAN LOSES HAND ON SAWING MACHINE

Monday morning while sawing wood with a gasoline engine outfit Alfred J. Pease had the misfortune to lose his left hand. He was placing a stick of wood under the saw to stand on when the saw caught his coat sleeve drawing his hand onto the saw and mangling it so that it was necessary to amputate it. He is resting as comfortably as can be expected.

### DIRECTED ENTHUSIASM

A splendid group of boys—"Beavers" and "Eagles"—well on the road to Second Class work, met on Monday evening for business only. It was voted that every one make bird houses this week and take some of them to the Grammar School next Monday evening. Two weeks time was the limit set for the building of houses. The troop committee are asked to judge these houses in two weeks time. It was understood that all who wish to be included in the June trip to the sea, at the mouth of the New Meadow River, need to complete the second class tests as a minimum requirement. The Scoutmaster insists that thorough preparation be made by every boy for this journey. May the worthy enthusiasm shown be used in preparing mind and body for real, clean, wholesome outdoor life. First class Scouts will be given special responsibility and honor.

### WEST BETHEL

Mrs. G. W. Bell is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Merrill. Friends of Mrs. Bell will be glad to know that she is more comfortable.

Mrs. Nellie Seabury is caring for Mrs. Iris Bennett. Mrs. Bennett is gaining slowly.

Mrs. Ruth Luxton, who has been assisting in the home her sister, Mrs. Frank Hunt, at Bethel, has returned home.

Mrs. Charles McInnis was in Lewiston recently.

Mr. E. B. Whitman was the guest of his parents on Grover Hill, Sunday. Master Robert Whitman will spend his vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitman.

Mrs. Thaddeus Luxton spent Thursday in Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hutchinson, who have been spending the winter in Bethel, have returned to their home here.

Miss Libbie Goodridge of Portland was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Estelle Goodridge, recently.

Mrs. Harry Kressel and daughter Marjorie were in Gilead Wednesday.

J. L. Perry and family who have been in Bethel this winter returned home Saturday.

Miss Vera Libby of Gorham was the guest of friends in town over the weekend.

Miss Austin and friend of Bethel were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Lowell, Sunday.

Miss Janet Fraser of Gilford was a guest in the home of E. H. Jordan recently.

Miss Ruth Luxton was a recent guest of Mrs. Carroll Abbott.

Mr. George Hyde passed away at the home of her brother, Wilfred Robbins, Friday morning after a long illness. The remains were taken to Boston for burial Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryant and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Iris Bennett, Sunday.

### SOUTH ALBANY

School opened in the Dresser District, April 6. Alta Bird teacher.

Lester Walker is carrying the school from the Clark District.

Miss Mae Penfield from South Paris was visiting her cousin, Jane Brown.

A little daughter arrived April 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Danes.

Miss Lila Stevens has returned home from Norway, where she has been working all winter.

Hugh Stevens spent the Easter week-end at his home in this place.

Frank Monkirk from Norway was at J. H. Stone's mill Saturday doing some work on the engine.

Person first called at James Kimball's Sunday.

R. J. Woodwell was out taking fares for the first of the week.

At the special town meeting held April 6, J. F. Andrews was elected third selectman.

### THE average American is a Sojourner.

He fares to extremes difficulties. It is due to this inherent characteristic that situations surrounding our great industrial developments have been extreme, placing our country foremost among nations and giving us as a nation, strong conditions absolutely unknown in other countries.

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### BETHEL AND VICINITY

Miss Myrtle Wilson visited Miss Dorothy Clark in Lewiston a few days last week.

Mr. L. A. Hall has returned from the C. M. G. Hospital and is at the home of W. P. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wheeler and daughter, Elmira, were Sunday guests at S. L. Grover's.

Miss Mellie Blake is spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Lucy Andrews, and family.

Miss Elsie Chapin and brother, Milan, were callers at the Hopgood farm one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes of Fairfield are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Forbes.

Mr. Owen Demerritt and daughter, Louise, spent a few days in camp at Ketchem, recently.

Mr. Forrest Stowell is staying at the home of Rev. C. B. Oliver and working for Lyman Wheeler.

Mr. Clarence Philbrook, a student in Norwich University, spent his vacation at his home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wing of Bryant's Pond were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morgan, recently.

Miss Pearl Sampson returned home Monday from Littleton, N. H., where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Robert Clough has returned home from Mason, where she has been employed for the past four months.

Master Laurence Bartlett has been visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sloane, in Auburn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bryant have moved into the Perley Andrews house on Vernon Street, which they purchased recently.

Mr. Robert French returned to his home in Turner, Monday, after spending a week with his grandmother, Mrs. Anna French.

Miss Katherine Kendrick, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Kendrick, at Mrs. Hiram Bean's, has returned to her school in Vermont.

Mr. Hugh Stearns, G. A. '24, who is now attending the University of Maine, was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin, recently.

Mr. Theodore Arsenault, who has been running Harry Brown's barber shop for the past few months, went to Sanford, Thursday, where he has employment.

Mr. F. B. Hall has moved his family into the upstairs room in the Godwin house on Church Street. Mr. Hall recently sold his house on Main Street to Mrs. Wm. Gridle and son, Jessie B. Chapman.

Mrs. Uehring has been confined to her room for ten days, and although now able to take short walks, has been obliged to delay returning "The Moose Lovers' Club," and "The Open Year" till further notice.

Mr. Harry H. King went to West Stewartstown, N. H., last week, where he will manage the West Stewartstown House. This is not Mr. King's first venture of this kind as he was for several years manager of the old Prospect Hotel in Bethel. His many friends wish him success in this new venture.

The Maine Farmer of March 29 devoted more than a page of its issue to letters paid Dr. George M. Twissell, of Monmouth, for a half century of faithful service to the furtherance of Maine agriculture. Letters of commendation for the "Old Man" were printed from Ezra L. Merrill of Maine College of Agriculture, Frank P. Washburn, Commissioner of Agriculture; John E. Abbott, Master of State Orange; and scores of others who were local in their practice of this man who has devoted the great part of his life to the advancement and welfare of Maine. Dr. Twissell is a former Bethel man, and is well and favorably known by a large number of people throughout eastern United States and the Canadian provinces.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Lewiston, Monday.

Mr. F. L. Edwards was in South Paris one day last week.

Mrs. Emma Jordan is ill at the home of Mrs. S. H. Jobrey.

Mr. S. H. Browne is working at Shelburne, N. H., this week.

Mr. Walter Inman is in Montreal, where he has employment.

Mrs. F. P. Flint and two daughters were in Lewiston, Monday.

Mrs. Ira C. Jordan, who has been ill, is much improved at this time.

Mrs. Helen Fisher and Mrs. Cunningham were in Berlin, N. H., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winslow are keeping house in Frank Taylor's rent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds are rejoicing over the birth of a son March 27.

Mrs. Fred Aubin has been confined to the house by illness the past two weeks.

Mr. Richard Verville is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Verville.

Misses Ruby Gaudet and Gwendolin Godwin spent the week end in Portland.

Mrs. Beegie Sloane was the guest of her son, Roger Sloane, in Auburn, recently.

Mr. William Bean has moved his family into the Coburn house on Mechanic Street.

Mrs. Fickett of Farmington is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Mills, and family.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis are spending the week with Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring.

Mrs. P. L. Edwards and Miss Harriet Merrill were in Portland, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Thaddeus Luxton of West Bethel visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Hunt, Thursday.

Mr. Harry Brown has resumed work in his barber shop after an absence of several months.

Messrs. C. M. Bennett and F. A. Gibbons of West Bethel were at George Hapgood's, recently.

Miss Ruth Crosby of Arlington, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Earle Williamson, and family.

Mr. Kevin Hutchison and family have returned to their home in West Bethel after spending the winter in this town.

Mrs. Ruth Emery, who has been spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baer, has returned to Nasco Institute.

### PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Mrs. Merle Warren will speak at the next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, Monday, April 12.

### LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEY

Little Lord Fauntley, a three act drama, will be given in Odessa Hall, Bethel, Thursday evening, April 16th.

Seven well chosen characters complete the cast, ranging from a blacksmith in the streets of New York City to an Earl of one of the first estates in England.

The story, which is well known, is acknowledged to be one of the best of its kind ever written, and the interpretation of the different parts by the different members of the cast, after many weeks of study and practice, is sure to be very entertaining.

The play is given under the auspices of the Universalist Church. The proceeds are to be used by the young people in their church work and for repairs to the building.

Tickets are on sale at Dosterman's drug store.

### HENRIETTA E. HYDE

After a lagging illness, Henrietta E. Hyde, the wife of George L. Hyde, formerly of Bethel, Mass., passed away at the home of her brother in Bethel, Maine, on Friday, April 1st. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bethel, Mass. She is survived by her husband, George L. Hyde, a brother, Wilfred L. Robbins, and a sister, Emily L. Robbins.

### GRANGE NEWS

#### BETHEL GRANGE

A Maine program was carried out at the meeting of Bethel Grange, Thursday evening. Essays on the "Industries of Maine," "The Sardine Factory," "The Boot and Shoe Business," and "Starch Manufacturing" were read. Herman Mason read the "Principal Facts of Maine." The song "Back to Maine," was sung. Superintendent Russell spoke

on the schools. The exhibition was an aeroplane about three feet long, made in perfect shape, also a ship with all the equipment and made with a jackknife. They were made for and owned by the boy who recently broke his leg, Walter Jobrey. A quilt made 100 years ago and kept now—it has never been used; also some home spun and home woven pure linen towels, pictures of earlier settlers of Bethel, and pictures of the pulp manufacturers, doors and other things.

It was voted to raise \$1,500 to purchase the lot recommended by the specia

l committee.

It was voted to raise \$15,000 for the

purpose of erecting the building, the

money to be hired, and the town is to

raise \$3,000 per year until the loan is

taken up.

It was voted to have a building com

mittee and

## ASKED AND ANSWERED

(This is a valuable educational feature in The Oxford County Citizen. Send us your questions, and address them to W. E. Press Association, Continental Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Mention this paper when you write. Enclose two cents in stamps for reply. Do not include trivial matters or questions requiring extensive research.)

Q. Is it possible for statists to determine the percentage of deaths, and of particular diseases from year to year?

Yes. Unless there is an epidemic or a scourge sweeping over the country, the so-called mortality tables of the life insurance companies are found to be absolutely dependable. For many years statistics showing the rate of deaths have been carefully compiled, through returns taken by public and private agencies. By dividing the deaths with the total population it is found that the death rate per year is substantially unchanged. The life insurance companies have determined the exact percentage of deaths of persons who are over weight, and many of the companies are adding a gradual increase in premium for each ten or twenty pounds, etc. The same is true in reference to weights that are below the average of an arbitrary figure. The height of the person is taken into account. The way in which diseases are measured is interestingly illustrated by a bulletin recently issued by the United States Public Health Service, giving statistics that cover the entire United States. This bulletin shows that in a single week in March of this year there were 1,455 cases of diphtheria, while for the same period in 1924 there were 1,818 cases of this disease. Of smallpox there were 4,228 cases this year as against 4,040 cases last year. Small pox, typhoid fever, influenza, and pneumonia caused equal rates averages in the two years. The value of these statistics has been proved because they have shown people how to live better and longer.

Q. I have a pair of dueling pistols that are over the hundred years old, and which figured in one or more deals on Rail or Ferry, near Augusta, Georgia. Could I sell them to a museum, or Henry Ford, and have such a letter be addressed to trust him?

Dueling pistols are not especially a particularly valuable relic for a collector, given that they do not represent solo art historical significance. If presented to a museum or a historical society of Georgia they would perhaps be accepted.

Q. What are causes of people yawning?

This is a method of relief sought by the muscles of the chest, and of the breathing apparatus. Usually after three months have been ten for some time they seem to relax themselves.

Q. What is the meaning of the following: Passive resistance?

Webster or any other dictionary will straighten you out upon this question.

One form of passive resistance is answering questions that are fully covered by the dictionaries. Your inclination is to refuse to do it.

Q. Was John Marshall the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court? In the radio announcement preceding the Inaugural ceremonies in Washington, one of the speakers referred to him as such.

John Jay of New York was the first Chief Justice. He served from 1789 to 1801.

John Rutledge of South Carolina was appointed Chief Justice in 1801, but he met with the unkind fate which recently fell to Cohen Warren of Michigan, because in each case the Senate declined to confirm the appointment. Then came Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut, who served from 1806 to 1820. John Marshall was appointed Chief Justice in 1801.

Q. What is meant by the frequent references in newspapers to the vermiform appendix?

In anatomy the vermiform appendix refers to a narrow, blind tube about three or four inches long and of the diameter of a grain of wheat. It is located in the lower right hand part of the abdomen. It is generally supposed to have no useful function, but it has made fortunes for a lot of physicians and surgeons.

Q. Who wrote "O what a miracle to man is man!"

Shakespeare, in "Night Thoughts."

Q. Are the industrial centers keeping up the Americanization work among foreigners, and is the English language being taught to adults who cannot speak it?

Many localities have "slipped," due to lack of enthusiasm since the war days. However, the work is kept up in a large number of cities and it is promoted by some of the large industrial concerns of the country whose heads are able to see beyond the mere balance sheet registering money earned. This is illustrated through a recent report regarding the "Learn English campaign" in Rochester, New York, where 5,000 persons have joined classes in English, to learn to speak, read and write the language.

Q. What is the oldest town in North America?

The oldest town on the North American mainland is Truxillo, in Central America, which was discovered by Columbus in 1502. The city is modern in many ways.

Q. What is the annual consumption of electric lights in the United States?

Rates of incandescent electric lamps are estimated to have reached 278,000,000 in the United States during 1924.

Q. What solution is helpful for rats bushes infected with bugs?

Ninety solution composed of a tablespoonful of sulphate of nicotine with a cup measure soap added, and mixed with one gallon of water, is helpful in getting rid of small bugs.

Q. What is the given name of Pres. Coolidge?

President Coolidge gave only his given name, Charles, although he was always called Coolidge.

Q. Can dead ground squirrels eat through tree roots?

Organisms associated with the dead in the subsoil of the soil for food.

Very truly yours,

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# The American Legion

(Copy for This Department supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

## ENLISTED MAN IS MADE COMMANDER

Frank L. Peckham, department commander of the department of the District of Columbia, is the first enlisted man to hold that position. He served as a private and corporal in the tank corps and motor transport corps in this country and in France.

Born in Philadelphia in 1888, Mr. Peckham was taken to Washington by his parents while an infant. He received the degree of bachelor of laws in 1908 and of master of laws in 1909 from the National University Law School.

At the age of eleven, he became a page in the United States Senate. From 1902 to 1910 he was closely associated with Louis A. Coolidge, well known Washington newspaper correspondent. He was private secretary to Mr. Coolidge during his term as assistant secretary of the treasury under President Taft.

Hence we find there are five fundamental factors influencing the cost of producing milk.

1. Size of the business.
2. The individual cows.
3. Time of freshening.
4. Care and feeding practices.
5. Value of the offspring.

For making the proper application of these factors in reducing milk cost, the value of a definite system of book-keeping such as is offered through the medium of the cow-testing associations and circles becomes apparent. He who would increase his profits can only do so by receiving more for his product, or producing it for less. The first method is not usually in the control of the individual farmer except when strongly organized in a co-operative body. The second method, or the reduction of production costs, is within the power of every man who milks cows.

The state dairy commission is an office created by the people of Colorado for the purpose of fostering and advancing the interests of dairying within the state and for the enforcement of all laws pertaining thereto.

It is the duty of the field man to particularly aid producers needing assistance on production problems. In this phase of reducing costs the state dairy commissioner is always at the service of the producer of man's most valuable single food—clean milk.—H. L. Leavelle, Field Man, Colorado State Dairy Commission.

Frank L. Peckham,

dean Roosevelt. He then became an assistant in the currency division of the treasury. He resigned in 1910 to begin the practice of law.

Mr. Peckham has been very active in the affairs of the American Legion. He joined Tank Corps Post No. 10 in 1918. He was senior vice commander and later commander of the post. He acted as spokesman for a special committee from the department of the District of Columbia to protest to President Harding against the release of the so-called "political" prisoners. He led the fight against a proposed appropriation for the relief of German women and children, which was defeated in Congress.

In April, 1924, Mr. Peckham was married to Miss Margaretta O'Keefe, of Washington. Mrs. Peckham has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is now president of Tank Corps Post's unit of the Auxiliary. Mr. Peckham, who was a delegate to the San Francisco and St. Paul conventions of the Legion, is a charter member of Yonkers Lodge 174 of the Forty and Eight.

## Legion's First Gun in Illegal Voting Battle

Hundreds of persons, aliens and those otherwise disenfranchised, voted at the last general election in Colorado, according to Denver American Legion officials. Many, if not all of them, knew they were voting fraudulently, the Legion charges.

The Legion fired its first gun in a campaign to purge politics in Colorado, when John G. Vinton, commissioner of the department of Colorado, envoied to District Attorney Joseph W. Hawley of Trinidad, a request that Hawley prosecute eight alleged aliens who are charged with unlawfully exercising the rights of citizens in the last election. The Legion will probably undertake similar actions in other sections of the state.

## Too Busy

"I didn't have time to start," said Mr. Vinton, "so I just asked the reporter."

"Well," admitted the chief of no men, as he scratched his matted head, "the boys have been so busy lately on farms the parks, law, roads, forests, schools where they will register their 'books' and 'books' are 'overdue,' that they haven't had time to get started on that case."—American Legion Weekly.

## After Twenty-Six Years

Twenty-six years is a long time to be maintaining a home by your memory. That has been the experience of Col. Harry C. Wilcox, 76, retired adjutant of the American Legion post of Lewiston, Maine, who was recently given a citation by the War department for displaying gallantry in action at Las Guadarramas during the Spanish-American War in Cuba.

# DAIRY

## VALUE OF OFFSPRING IS BIG COST FACTOR

### IS YOUR WORK HARD?

Many Bethel Folks Have Found How to Make Work Easier.

What is so hard as a day's work with an aching back?

Or sharp spasms of pain at every sudden twist or turn?

There is no peace from that dull ache.

No rest from the soreness, lameness and weakness.

Many folks have found relief through Doan's Pills. They are a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys.

Bethel people recommend Doan's.

E. R. Merrill, Church St., Bethel, says: "I had backache so bad I couldn't do a tap of work. The pains across my back and kidneys completely put me past going and my kidneys didn't act regularly at times. The secretions passed too often, then again, were scanty and painful and I couldn't rest right. After I began taking Doan's Pills from Basserman's Drug Store relief followed."

Mr. Merrill is only one of many Bethel people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Pills. If your backaches—if your kidneys bother you, don't ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for DOAN'S PILLS, the name that Mr. Merrill had—the remedy backed by home testimony, 60 cents at all dealers. Posier-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N.Y. "When Your Back Is Lame—Remember the Name."

### USED FORDS TO BE SOLD WITH GUARANTEE

One of the most important steps yet undertaken to protect used car purchasers and at the same time place the handling of such cars on a more business-like basis is the announcement by Mr. Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company that, operating under a company plan, Ford dealers will hereafter place a guarantee upon used Ford

cars disposed of by them. The Ford Motor Company is the first large automobile concern to take direct steps in the matter of used cars. Inasmuch as there are about as many Fords in operation in the country as all other makes combined, it is apparent that the action of the Ford Motor Company will exert a wide influence on the marketing of used cars and in improving conditions generally in that phase of the automobile business.

"Every used Ford car represents so much unused transportation and is of value to someone," Mr. Ford said in his statement regarding the plan. "The Ford dealer through his position and intimate knowledge of the car certainly is the best judge as to the value of this transportation—the best to determine a price on the mileage the car may be yet expected to deliver—that's his business."

"With this advantage the Ford dealer is prepared to give his used car customers, benefits not likely to be obtained elsewhere.

"If re-conditioning is necessary he has the work done by trained Ford mechanics using improved equipment and genuine Ford parts, and with these economies and advantages he is able to offer the used car to the purchaser at low cost and with a guarantee covering its mechanical fitness."

The plan becomes effective at once and places a guarantee on used Ford cars purchased from authorized Ford dealers thereby insuring proper mechanical operation under ordinary driving conditions.

In assuming the direction and supervision of this plan to be carried out by its dealer organization, the Ford Motor Company feels that it is embracing an opportunity to be of greater service to those who purchase used Ford cars.

### Distinct Advantage

There's an advantage in being obscure. Nobody snoops about to see what you are doing.—Detroit Free Press.

### Plan Huge Reservoir

Engineers estimate that five hundred million cubic feet of water will be stored in the reservoir to be built by the Canadian government through the running streams commissio-

nated on the Rivière du Loup, north of

Louisville, in the St. Maurice district

of Quebec.

### Classes in the State

In every state the people are divided into three kinds, the rich, the very poor and those who are between them. Since, then, it is universally acknowledged the mean is the best, it is evident that even in respect to fortune a middle state is to be preferred; for that state is most likely to submit to reason.—Aristotle.

### THE MASSACHUSETTS LIVE ASSOCIATION

Worcester, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31,

Real Estate,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Agents' Balances,

Bills Receivable,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Su-

plus,

### THE COLUMBIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Boston, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31,

Real Estates,

Mortgage Loans,

Policy Loans,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Agents' Balances,

Bills Receivable,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Policy Reserves,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Su-

plus,

### EASTERN CASUALTY COMPANY

Rm. 412 Park Sq., Bldg.

Assets Dec. 31,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Su-

plus,

### THE RIDGELEY PROPERTY ASSOCIATION

340 Main St., Worcester,

Assets Dec. 31,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Su-

plus,

### MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY

Baltimore, Maryland

Assets Dec. 31,

Real Estate,

Mortgage Loans,

Stocks and Bonds,

Cash in Office and Bank,

Agents' Balances,

Bills Receivable,

Interest and Rents,

All other Assets,

Gross Assets,

Deduct Items not admitted

Admitted Assets,

Liabilities Dec. 31,

Net Unpaid Losses,

Unearned Premiums,

All other Liabilities,

Cash Capital,

Surplus over all Liabilities

Total Liabilities and Su-

plus,

### NEW JERSEY FIDELITY GLASS INSURANCE COMPANY

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THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN, BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1925.

THE MASSACHUSETTS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INC., Worcester, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$204,033.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 3,825,295.00  
Cash in Office and Bank, 647,971.81  
Agents' Balances, 63,603.32  
Bills Receivable, 3,525.00  
Interest and Rents, 58,134.19  
All other Assets, 6,125.00

Gross Assets, \$4,820,887.72  
Deduct Items not admitted, 73,253.22

Admitted Assets, \$4,746,600.40  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,204,225.61  
Unearned Premiums, 1,311,266.25  
All other Liabilities, 418,899.87  
Cash Capital, 500,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,092,141.87

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,756,034.40

THE COLUMBIAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Boston, Massachusetts

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estates, \$1,092,745.51  
Mortgage Loans, 46,230,750.40  
Policy Loans, 5,241,082.43  
Stocks and Bonds, 15,112,068.39  
Cash in Office and Bank, 310,033.31  
Agents' Balances, 104,332.58  
Interest and Rents, 552,451.97  
All other Assets, 1,298,028.48

Gross Assets, \$29,004,720.69  
Deduct Items not admitted, 232,304.24

Admitted Assets, \$20,672,120.75  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$436,115.33  
Unearned Premiums and Policy Reserves, 25,300,889.30  
All other Liabilities, 1,510,843.77  
Cash Capital, 1,500,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 924,760.30

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$29,072,420.75

EASTERN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY Rm. 412 Park Sq., Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Stocks and Bonds, \$143,095.50  
Cash in Office and Bank, 33,299.05  
Interest and Rents, 1,597.86  
All other Assets, 2,254.30

Gross Assets, \$180,239.31  
Deduct Items not admitted, 2,142.23

Admitted Assets, \$178,088.06  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, 819,520.94  
Unearned Premiums, 16,549.00  
All other Liabilities, 14,938.80  
Cash Capital, 100,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 27,059.28

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$178,088.06

THE RIDGELY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION 340 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Stocks and Bonds, \$683,140.00  
Cash in Office and Bank, 10,760.20

Gross Assets, \$693,140.00  
Deduct Items not admitted, 10,760.20

Admitted Assets, \$692,394.15  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, 432,604.88  
Unearned Premiums, 111,322.98  
All other Liabilities, 23,815.77  
Cash Capital, 100,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 283,610.52

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$692,394.15

MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY Baltimore, Maryland

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$3,000,484.62  
Mortgage Loans, 1,114,040.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 23,860,312.76  
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,036,022.69

Agents' Balances, 80,988.73  
Bills Receivable, 40,807.49  
Interest and Rents, 173,190.03  
All other Assets, 4,991,167.50

Gross Assets, \$34,102,093.81  
Deduct Items not admitted, 635,188.26

Admitted Assets, \$33,444,805.55  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, 49,832,055.14  
Unearned Premiums, 10,773,228.60  
All other Liabilities, 2,214,032.29  
Cash Capital, 5,000,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,495,452.72

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$33,444,805.55

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INSURANCE CO. Newark, New Jersey

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Mortgage Loans, \$1,124,950.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 232,678.79  
Cash in Office and Bank, 365,638.14  
Agents' Balances, 464,639.87  
Interest and Rents, 65,616.83  
All other Assets, 65,416.12

Gross Assets, \$1,627,961.84  
Deduct Items not admitted, 88,208.53

Admitted Assets, \$1,619,430.02  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, 191,372.27  
Unearned Premiums, 1,120,341.14  
All other Liabilities, 492,310.70  
Cash Capital, 500,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 81,539,123.02

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,619,430.02

WORCESTER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY Worcester, Mass.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$114,277.67  
Mortgage Loans, 1,018,470.29  
Stocks and Bonds, 22,330.48  
Cash in Office and Bank, 24,707.61  
Agents' Balances, 19,513.24

Interest and Rents, 1,000.00

Gross Assets, \$1,268,366.47  
Deduct Items not admitted, 11,268,356.47

Admitted Assets, \$1,268,356.47  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, 48,765.27  
Unearned Premiums, 418,986.53  
All other Liabilities, 2,193.75  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,188,531.86

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,268,356.47

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INS. CO., Edinburgh, Scotland

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$204,033.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 3,825,295.00  
Cash in Office and Bank, 647,971.81  
Agents' Balances, 63,603.32  
Bills Receivable, 3,525.00  
Interest and Rents, 58,134.19  
All other Assets, 6,125.00

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Interest and Rents, 552,451.97  
All other Assets, 1,298,028.48

Gross Assets, \$29,004,720.69  
Deduct Items not admitted, 232,304.24

Admitted Assets, \$20,672,120.75  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$436,115.33  
Unearned Premiums, 25,300,889.30  
All other Liabilities, 1,510,843.77  
Cash Capital, 1,500,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 924,760.30

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$29,072,420.75

CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY HAMMOND, Indiana

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$100,000.00  
Mortgage Loans, 3,000,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 4,031,210.40  
Cash in Office and Bank, 455,737.34  
Agents' Balances, 68,775.10  
Bills Receivable, 3,684.56  
Interest and Rents, 151,679.16  
All other Assets, 3,255,703.21

Gross Assets, \$13,201,383.34  
Deduct Items not admitted, 329,555.36

Admitted Assets, \$12,871,829.48  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,864,860.23  
Unearned Premiums, 5,110,181.31  
All other Liabilities, 1,699,179.84  
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,919,523.06

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,871,829.48

SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$100,000.00  
Mortgage Loans, 3,000,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 4,031,210.40  
Cash in Office and Bank, 455,737.34  
Agents' Balances, 68,775.10  
Bills Receivable, 3,684.56  
Interest and Rents, 151,679.16  
All other Assets, 3,255,703.21

Gross Assets, \$13,201,383.34  
Deduct Items not admitted, 329,555.36

Admitted Assets, \$12,871,829.48  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,864,860.23  
Unearned Premiums, 5,110,181.31  
All other Liabilities, 1,699,179.84  
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,919,523.06

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,871,829.48

EAST AND WEST INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$100,000.00  
Mortgage Loans, 3,000,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 4,031,210.40  
Cash in Office and Bank, 455,737.34  
Agents' Balances, 68,775.10  
Bills Receivable, 3,684.56  
Interest and Rents, 151,679.16  
All other Assets, 3,255,703.21

Gross Assets, \$13,201,383.34  
Deduct Items not admitted, 329,555.36

Admitted Assets, \$12,871,829.48  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,864,860.23  
Unearned Premiums, 5,110,181.31  
All other Liabilities, 1,699,179.84  
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,919,523.06

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$12,871,829.48

MASSACHUSETTS BONDING & INSURANCE COMPANY

41-20 KILBY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$675,000.00  
Mortgage Loans, 500,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 6,707,000.00  
Cash in Office and Bank, 182,110.41  
Agents' Balances, 113,497.03  
Bills Receivable, 113,411.13  
Interest and Rents, 45,783.59  
All other Assets, 2,254.30

Gross Assets, \$19,321,829.04  
Deduct Items not admitted, 26,726.27

Admitted Assets, \$19,194,625.77  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$7,479,077.73  
Unearned Premiums, 5,047,616.62  
All other Liabilities, 171,306.87  
Cash Capital, 1,200,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,125,761.71

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$19,321,829.04

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$350,415.50  
Mortgage Loans, 15,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 6,153,667.00  
Cash in Office and Bank and in Transit, 1,111,071.01  
Agents' Balances, 4,853,161.00  
Bills Receivable, 228,971.00  
Interest and Rents, 75,479.11  
All other Assets, 1,517,372.02

Gross Assets, \$49,229,460.00  
Deduct Items not admitted, 149,566.03

Admitted Assets, \$49,078,870.22  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,261,100.40  
Unearned Premiums, 2,013,265.78  
All other Liabilities, 563,367.02  
Cash Capital, 1,500,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,501,598.02

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$49,078,870.22

MASSACHUSETTS BONDING & INSURANCE COMPANY BOSTON, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924  
Real Estate, \$3,671,314.00  
Mortgage Loans, 60,100.00  
Collateral Loans, 30,723.27  
Stocks and Bonds, 25,174,344.92  
Cash in Office and Bank, 2,146,031.84  
Agents' Balances, 7,226,780.38  
Interest and Rents, 318,820.00  
All other Assets, 6,051,003.87

Gross Assets, \$41,778,028.26  
Deduct Items not admitted, 1,035,778.02

Admitted Assets, \$40,743,881.56  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924  
Net Unpaid Losses, \$15,725,771.25  
Unearned Premiums, 1,629,474.42  
All other Liabilities, 2,314,578.80  
Cash Capital, 5,000,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 6,055,178.61

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$40,743,881.56

W. J. WHEELER

CITY OF NEW YORK INSURANCE CO.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Mortgage Loans,	\$85,760.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,192,584.24
Cash in Office and Bank,	462,777.89
Agents' Balances,	350,676.16
Interest and Rents,	26,510.00
All other Assets,	357,684.76
 Gross Assets,	 \$1,511,281.26
Deduct Items not admitted,	4,790.43

Admitted Assets, \$1,506,490.83

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$32,521.00
Unearned Premiums,	1,875,226.00
All other Liabilities,	206,632.00
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	281,632.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,506,823.23

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CALEDONIAN AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Stocks and Bonds,	178,017.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	31,172.61
Agents' Balances,	67,372.72
Interest and Rents,	9,729.76
All other Assets,	84,523.24
 Gross Assets,	 \$970,641.81
Deduct Items not admitted,	4,790.43

Admitted Assets, \$965,851.81

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$31,677.91
Unearned Premiums,	192,282.29
All other Liabilities,	17,409.05
Cash Capital,	270,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	108,419.01

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$495,821.81

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BRITISH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, TORONTO, CANADA

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Stocks and Bonds,	\$1,980,328.13
Cash in Office and Bank,	251,181.26
Agents' Balances,	27,358.50
Interest and Rents,	21,475.03
All other Assets,	53,177.87
 Admitted Assets,	 \$2,233,159.59
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924	
Net Unpaid Losses,	450,000.00
Unearned Premiums,	1,352,565.75
All other Liabilities,	20,743.12
Cash Capital,	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	319,485.72

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$82,354,59.59

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MECHANICS INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	472,439.11
Marriage Loans,	48,150.00
Stocks and Bonds,	3,028,538.38
Cash in Office and Bank,	218,851.02
Agents' Balances,	27,172.16
Bills Receivable,	376,743.00
Interest and Rents,	29,742.54
All other Assets,	167,000.00
 Gross Assets,	 \$1,191,621.25
Deduct Items not admitted,	18,022.32

Admitted Assets, \$1,173,599.93

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$32,588.25
Unearned Premiums,	2,829,368.12
All other Liabilities,	18,743.12
Cash Capital,	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,897,362.83

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,173,599.93

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ROBERT & KERSEY, Hartford, Me.

Barrett & Davis, Hartford, Me.

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MILWAUKEE MECHANIC INSURANCE COMPANY, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	432,812.68
Mortgage Loans,	48,150.00
Stocks and Bonds,	3,028,538.38
Cash in Office and Bank,	218,851.02
Agents' Balances,	27,172.16
Bills Receivable,	376,743.00
Interest and Rents,	29,742.54
All other Assets,	167,000.00
 Gross Assets,	 \$1,191,621.25
Deduct Items not admitted,	18,022.32

Admitted Assets, \$1,173,599.93

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$32,588.25
Unearned Premiums,	2,829,368.12
All other Liabilities,	18,743.12
Cash Capital,	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,897,362.83

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$82,354,59.59

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CALEDONIAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Stocks and Bonds,	1,631,035.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	118,307.42
Agents' Balances,	60,199.31
Interest and Rents,	42,886.12
All other Assets,	132,656.71
 Gross Assets,	 \$1,899,374.31
Deduct Items not admitted,	27,000.71

Admitted Assets, \$1,872,373.60

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$122,768.51
Unearned Premiums,	7,681,715.12
All other Liabilities,	132,656.71
Cash Capital,	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,317,361.11

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,872,373.60

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PRINCIPAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NEWARK, N. J.

Assets Dec. 31, 1924

Real Estate,	\$10,300,307.74
Mortgage Loans,	2,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	9,170,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances,	1,000,000.00
Interest and Rents,	1,000,000.00
All other Assets,	1,000,000.00
 Gross Assets,	 \$10,300,307.74
Deduct Items not admitted,	2,000,000.00

Admitted Assets, \$10,100,307.74

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1924

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$10,300,307.74
Unearned Premiums,	1,000,000.00
All other Liabilities,	1,000,000.00
Cash Capital,	1,00

## Sinners in Heaven

By Clive Arden

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**Synopsis**

PART I.—Living in the small English village of Darbury, old Mrs. Stockley, daughter of a widowed mother, had planned to celebrate her marriage to Hugh Reddale, rich and well connected. Her husband died suddenly, and has planned with an aim at a life in Australia. Major Alan Croft, famous as an aviator, is to be the pilot.

Barbara is attracted by him, and their conversation different from the cut-and-dried conventions of her small town.

They set out. Barbara, her aunt, Croft, and a mechanician. Word in a few days comes to Darbury that the plane is missing and its occupants believed lost.

PART II.—Croft and Barbara, after the wreck of the airplane, find a storm, reach an apparently uninhabited island in the Pacific ocean. The other two members of the party had perished.

The two survivors, Croft and Barbara, are attacked by a black man, evidently a savage. Croft rescues her.

Croft, with a party of blacks, evidently reconnoitering, but they leave without attempting to harm the pair. Croft recovers his ardor from this wild experience.

With the aid of the wireless Croft works on the superstitious fears of the natives and an attacking party is driven off, apparently by fire.

Secure from immediate danger, Croft and Barbara settle down to make the best of their time. Croft already has reorganized the natives, and succeeds in arranging peace between the tribe and the cutaways.

He comes, with the object of assuring Barbara that he has no desire for her, but she appreciates his sentiment of solicitude. It is evident for Croft, but remembering her duty to Hugh, sternly discourages it.

"We—can't stay here!" she muttered again, not moving in his grasp. "But we—we've shared a hut before—all these weeks! Why are you afraid now? Tell me!" He bent over her. "Tell me, Barbara."

"I can't . . . I don't know. . . . I'm not." Desperately she tried to withdraw her hands and eyes from his. She felt powerless, as if she were slipping down some precipice into roiling torrents which would engulf her, sweep her away from every known landmark. This was utterly different from that other night's fear. Then it had been fear of him, and tangible. Now it was subtle, terrifying, and—of herself, in some strange way.

He drew her suddenly closer; but, with all the strength of her will, she flung herself back in his grasp.

"Don't—touch me! I don't—understand—Oh—Alan—help us both!"

The cry was one of desperation. It started him. For a long moment he gazed deep within her darkened eyes, the blood mounting in his face, throbbing in his temples, his very lips trembling. Then, almost violently, but with a strange look of exultation, he let her go.

"I'll go and see if—if—all's safe outside," he stammered.

She heard him leave the hut; and she sank down in the far corner, trembling violently. . . . She heard him enter later; and she buried her head in her arms.

He threw himself down across the threshold without a word.

From outside, the noise of the natives still came to their ears, growing gradually fainter . . . and, at last, silence fell.

**VIII**

After that measurable night, Barbara and Alan had waded back together early next morning. Alan was the most part silent. Barbara folded fingers over the mittens, frost bitten, save anything to prevent outward process. From that day another paradoxical phase opened before them. For though they now had more intense interests in common to heighten their companionship, the wall between was yet more strengthened. And this time, as was the girl who unconsciously built up the crumpling bricks with hasty fingers, not daring to look at that yawning precipice before.

From a pocketbook diary they were able to keep count of the days and nights which slipped by so rapidly now. The natives left them alone; save when, at Croft's command, they brought rolls of reed matting, or swords, spears, implements. Truly one as he knew well, still his defiance under the cloak of subjection, hid his true

Thus, for a while, all danger seemed past. Barbara, blissfully unconscious of any law in this part of friendship, lost her fear of these childlike folk. Having proved the effect of a random shot from the revolver, she felt safe.

One evening, shortly before Christmas day, having prepared their supper, she wandered down to the shore, waiting for Alan's arrival. Sitting idle upon a rock, she watched the spray

and foam glistening in the sunshine against the distant reef, her thoughts occupied by a variety of small things, chief among them being a cottonless future! The constant mending of their combined wardrobe had drained her slender resources of thread. Pins had been resorted to that day. Alan sat on one and swore loudly; she smiled benignly over the recollection.

Her face sobered and she leaned forward, then rose quickly to her feet. Slowly moving through the clear water, not far from the shore, appeared a large gray outline suggesting in its general shape an albatross. Barbara drew in her breath quickly, watching the silent bulk glide slowly by until, making a large circuit, it disappeared in the direction of the reef.

"It was, she guessed, a shark.

For the first time the remembrance dawned upon her of islands in the Pacific ocean being often shark-infested, and the recollection brought, in a flash, full realization of the risks Alan took when he swam with her to land.

With another chaotic tumult of mind, she remembered Alan's further risks when saving all necessities for their comfort, his stubborn refusal of her offers of help, his stringent commands against bathing in the lagoon. With sudden decision, probably induced by a hazy idea of recuperating the instincts of civilization to combat unruly emotions, she seized a box and opened it.

When presently Croft returned, he was met on the threshold by a wistful-eyed figure clothed in something soft and white and altogether womanly, instead of the blouse and old skirt. He stopped abruptly; then with rather grim lips, said:

"So we returned to civilization in spirit, if not in fact?" His uncanny knack of reading her motives caused her to give him, as usual, the swift deep-sea glimpse which he sought.

"Alan, I want to tell you something." "What is it?" he asked, breathing quickly at what he saw in her eyes.

"I saw a shark today. And, hurriedly, "Oh, Alan! Alan! I realized all you have done for me, all you have risked and spared me!"

"All my invisible halo, in fact?" She ignored the flippancy. "And I feel simply full of—of—"

"Of—what, Barbara? What?"

"Gratitude!" He turned away, with a short laugh.

"I can do so little in turn to make things tolerable for you here," she went on, in the warmth of her heart.

"Your life was so full—"

He looked round again quickly. "No taller than yours with the man you—" "Ah!" she interrupted passionately.

"Don't! I know."

Her voice went into silence. For a long time he sat watching the dark sea, the stars, the moon.

A fierce craving for advice, sympathy even disapproval, so long as she could unshackle her quieted mind, mastered the girl. She took one of her old impulsive plunges.

"I am so troubled!" she exclaimed suddenly.

"Tell me just what is troubling you," he answered, his voice softening. "Loneliness?"

The clasp of his fingers encouraged her.

"A ship!" he announced briefly.

"Is it coming?"

"No."

Silently they looked at each other; the man inexpressible as ever, the girl clasping and unclasping her hands, her lips a little tremulous. In the tumult of her emotions, she sank upon the ground at last, and buried her head in her hands.

Croft looked at her, his own feelings in much the same chaotic state. The hope of once again playing the part among his fellowmen—dear to a man of action—of achieving the ambitions ruthlessly destroyed at the very moment of attainment, had been raised and dashed almost simultaneously. But in that same moment he faced the full knowledge of what all these Eben-like existences meant to him—the immensity of his increasing hopes, bitter sweet in their uncertainty. And, as the flames ascended, he faced abruptly the probable termination of it all!

He controlled, but not without difficulty, the emotions rioting within his heart, when those tense few minutes fraught with so much meaning—such crucial pages in the Book of Fate—were taxed. When the far-off spiral of smoke faded into the clouds, as the distant vessel vanished, he leaped upon a boulder and threw his arms wide. The gesture might have been a welcome to freedom, or an acquiescence in the inevitable; in either case it favored him.

Laughter interrupted her.

"Tried! Have you really? Then—

"That's the trouble; don't you see? I don't know why, but I am. I was even glad when the ship didn't come tonight! It's just as if there's some sort of magic in it!"

"Tell me!" she asked curiously.

"Why today?" he asked curiously.

A look of incredulity crept into his face.

"It can't be forced fear of him," he said.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I feared it would upset you—today."

She made no reply; but the fingers in his clasped apologetically. He went on his voice low, and deeply earnest.

"How could you those in England? They have long ago given us up for dead. Besides, no forced emotions are worth anything."

"No. That's the chief point: they shouldn't need to be forced. Hugh—once called me heartless—"

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If you are able to make the most words out of the letters contained in the words "TOILET NECESSITIES". A total of \$1,500 in cash prizes will be awarded to competitors in this

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## ANDOVER

Mrs. Florence Chamberlain was called to Winterport last week by the serious illness of her aunt.

Edgar Hodson has been chosen jailor of the schoolhouse at the village and the town hall. Mr. Hodson began his duties Wednesday, April 1.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church met Wednesday with Mrs. C. A. Band.

Mrs. Emma Pratt and son, Merton, and family have moved into her home on Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hodson and little daughter have gone to her home in Carmel, Me.

Word has been received from Mrs. Anna Merrill, widow of the late Charles Merrill, of the death of her mother at the advanced age of 90 years, at her home in Winterhaven, Florida.

Mr. Lawrence Parsons and son, Raymond, visited her people, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Akers, Sunday.

Fred Hutchins has gone to Middle Dam to clerk for Mr. E. F. Coburn.

There was a large company at the McAllister Theatre Saturday evening where moving pictures were shown.

Mrs. Dolly Elliot entertained the Young People's Whist, Friday evening at her home on Pine Street. The prizes were won by Mr. William Smith and Mrs. Lewis Akers. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee were served. Mrs. Emma Pratt will be hostess this week.

The selectmen are in session this week at their office making up the taxes. Lawrence Parsons and Henry Lester left town Sunday for the Middle Dam where they will work this summer.

Clayton Swett has gone to the Lakes for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Remington have moved into Mrs. Adelisse Burgess' rent on Main Street.

The young people held their whist Thursday evening in the hall with 18 tables played. Mrs. L. E. Mills and Harland Averill won high scores. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. Dancing followed.

Miss Della Thurston from the Gorham Normal School is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Thurston.

The Shooting Stars of Andover were defeated 34 to 10 by the Rumford baseball team Wednesday evening in the town hall. There was a record crowd and a fine game was played.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club held a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Band, Saturday evening. Mrs. J. A. Dunning and Mr. Band whose birthdays were near this date were guests of honor. A supper of baked beans, fruit salads, hot rolls, cake, doughnuts, cheese and coffee was served at \$3.00. A birthday cake was presented the guests. Whist was enjoyed and Mrs. Frank Thomas and Fred Bartlett won high scores. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunning, William Yoshman, Mrs. Alice Thurston, Miss Merriam and Winona Band, Mrs. George Andrews, Fred Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Band, Miss Mary Talbot attended Partners' Week at Orissa last week and while there was the guest of her nephew, Richard Talbot, and family.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational church parish, Monday, the following officers were elected:  
Moderator—Rev. C. W. Robinson.  
Clerk—John F. Talbot.  
Treasurer—Mrs. George Andrews.  
Collector—E. M. Hally.  
Church Committee—Mr. A. Howard, Roger L. Thorstein, Mrs. Miserva French.

## RESOLUTIONS

It is with profound sorrow that we learned of the passing to the higher life of our friend and brother, Daniel B. Hastings. We feel, as individuals and members of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, P. & A. M., the deep loss of a true and staunch member.

Resolved: That we extend to his family our true sympathy in this hour of trial and sorrow, and say it lightens their burden in some slight degree, to know that his friends and brothers wait with him in securing the great rest.

Resolved: That these resolutions be copied upon our records, published in The Oxford County Citizen, and copies sent to the two daughters and son as a token of our sympathy.

I. H. SWIFT,  
H. C. HOWIE,  
A. C. PHROST,  
Committee on Resolutions,  
Bethel, Maine, March 28, 1925.

## Barbershop of 1868

The adherents of Martin Van Buren, President of the United States, were known as the "Barbershop". In the presidential election of 1868, when Van Buren ran for a second term as the Free Soil ticket.

## How Land Was Named

The word Land is derived from the Anglo-Saxon, length, meaning in length, and was so called because the period of special primitive course in the early spring when the days begin to increase.

## LOCAL POST OFFICE ISSUES INFORMATION OF NEW POSTAL RATES

The following changes regarding the increase in postal rates become effective Wednesday, April 16:

While there is no change in the rates on first class mail matter, nor is there any increase in parcel post rates on merchandise weighing more than eight ounces, except that there is a special service charge on the latter, there are extensive changes affecting other classes of mail.

On postcards or private mailing cards the new rate of postage will be two cents, an advance of one cent over the present rate. For Government printed postcards, however, the old one cent rate will prevail under the new schedule.

As affecting what is known as transient second class matter, complete copies of newspapers or periodicals, mailed or remailed by the public, the new rate is two cents for each two ounces or fraction thereof for eight ounces or under. Any such matter weighing more than eight ounces will take the parcel post rate of postage.

For printed matter, the new rate will be 1½ cents for each two ounces or fraction thereof, weighing eight ounces or under, and everything over this weight will be sent at parcel post zone rates of postage for one pound.

With the advance in the rate for this sort of mail, it will mean that after April 15, all circular matter will have to be under at the rate of 1½ cents.

The local postal officials already have forwarded a requisition to Washington for a large supply of Government stamped envelopes, and these will be here in ample time before the new rate goes into effect.

## EXCEPTION TO ADVANCE

The only exception to the advance in the rates for printed matter is such things as books, catalogues, seeds, bulbs, cuttings, roots, onions and plants, which will be sent at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof up to and including eight ounces. If more than that weight, they will take the regular parcel post zone rates.

On merchandise weighing eight ounces or less the rate will be 1½ cents for each two ounces, and anything over eight ounces will be sent at the parcel post zone rates.

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Another innovation is the special handling charge of 20 cents, which is imposed in instances where a patron desires to have his package handled as first class matter all the way through from the point of mailing, in transit, and at the point of delivery. This does not mean that the package will be delivered immediately upon its receipt at the post office at final destination, but only that it will go along with other first class mail, and not with the parcel post matter, which does not move as rapidly.

Money order fees are also advanced in rate. From one cent to \$2.50, the fee is five cents; from \$2.51 to \$5, seven cents; \$5.01 to \$10, 10 cents; \$10.01 to \$20, 12 cents; \$20.01 to \$10, 15 cents; \$10.01 to \$50, 18 cents; \$50.01 to \$100, 20 cents, and from \$100.01 to \$1000, 22 cents.

An increase is also provided on registered mail, with the minimum fee for 100 indemnity being set at 15 cents, and for \$100 indemnity, a fee of 20 cents will be charged.

## Receipt and Fee

Also on registered mail, a return receipt card may be obtained upon the delivery of the parcel by the payment of a fee of three cents. At present, there is no charge in connection with the obtaining of return receipt cards.

The rates for insuring parcels are also increased. On a parcel not exceeding \$25 it is the fee for insuring will be five cents; on those not exceeding \$50, the fee will be 10 cents; and on packages having a value of not more than \$100, the fee will be 20 cents.

A return receipt card, heretofore not obtainable on this class of mail, may be obtained by the sender on and after April 15, upon the payment of a fee of three cents.

The new fees on C. O. D. matter are as follows: not exceeding \$10, 12 cents; not exceeding \$25, 15 cents; and not exceeding \$100, 22 cents.

Special delivery matter has been divided up into three grades. On parcels weighing not more than two pounds the special delivery privilege may be obtained by the payment of a fee of 10 cents; on parcels weighing from two to 10 pounds, the fee will be 17 cents; and on everything weighing more than 10 pounds, the fee will be charged at 20 cents.

The present special delivery fee for all classes of mail matter is 10 cents.

## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

with the industrial and economic condition of the Nation. "So long as the production, distribution and employment in the United States continue to be satisfactory as they are," observes Secretary Hoover, "I do not feel that it is a possibility that there will be any recession of business activity. These are the matters that concern the Government administration rather than speculative movements." And you may chase up and down the pages of reports of the Federal Reserve Board, and all the various bulletins that come from Government sources, and you will find them all agreed that the country is jogging along splendidly, having fully recovered from the hang-over of foreign affairs and the old-time war jinx.

## POLITICS ADJOURNED

It has often been said, but now is one of the rare occasions in United States history, when politics "stands adjourned." President Coolidge will follow Congress in aiding the political evacuation of Washington, and he will spend several weeks vacationing in New England during the Summer. This change from the hectic politico dashes ought to be beneficial to the health of the good old U. S. A. Even the "progressives" are not registering their complaints about the way the country is being run.

## ANOTHER TAX BILL

It is said that Administration circles in Washington are convinced that there never can be a "Mellon tax plan." When the present tax law was passed it was accepted by the administration with a wary face and a promise to fix things up better at the "next" session of Congress. Whatever else may be thought of Secretary Mellon the country has come to look upon him as a hard-boiled representative of successful big business, who does not always think in the popular political way of a naturally progressive people. In consequence the muller has been effectively closed over the Mellon protests against tax-exempt securities, and the discussion of a constitutional amendment to prevent further tax issues of this kind, is as dead as a door nail. Mellon has gotten about all that Congress is likely to concede to him. His brush with Senator Couzens, and the assessment of his automobile holdings hasn't added to the Mellon popularity. Couzens may not be the greatest statesman in the world, but Washington credits him with uncovering some mighty big tax leaks, and with having pointed out methods of tax evasion very much to the benefit of the public. It may be that Secretary Mellon is doing his full duty in getting after Couzens, as it is said in Washington, but the general impression at the Capital is that there is a lot of small politics of the Pittsburgh-Detroit variety in the Mellon-Couzens smash. In spite of it all the Senate investigation is proceeding, and the report from that Committee will be very helpful when another tax bill is framed.

Native of India employed as a soldier in a European army.

—Father

—Soft, dry, friable

—Duck

—Canvas holder

—Exclamation of pain

—Type of verb "to be"

—Stroke in tennis

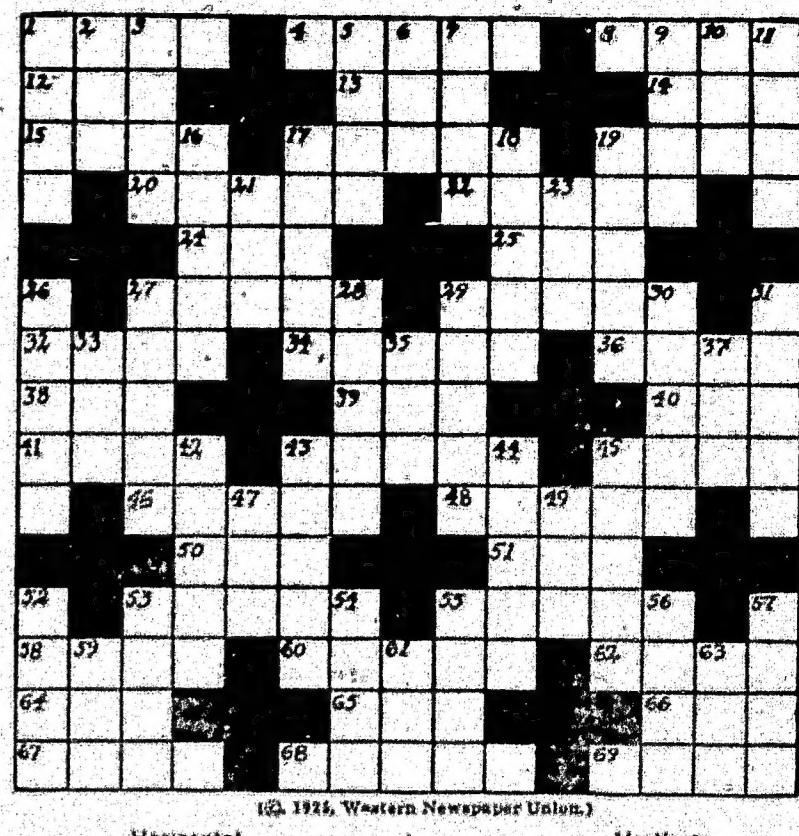
—Oval

—Snub

—Tack

—Row

## The Citizen's Cross-Word Puzzle



12-1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

Horizontal.

1—Part of a ship

2—Inhabitants

3—Kind

4—Affect with pain

5—Be under an obligation

6—Conjunction

7—Extremely

8—Very small body of land surrounded by water

9—Insect

10—Intended